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SUBJECT: Employment of Soviet Equipment Increments
in Cuba

The items indicated by asterisks on the accompanying list of bloc military equipment are those which we believe have been retained for use solely by the Soviet forces in Cuba. None of these items has been seen in Cuban hands, even though the Castro regime has made a point to show the Cuban people a great many other items of military equipment which the USSR has sent to Cuba. Also, the items marked by asterisks have been seen in Cuba only in encampments which we believe to be Soviet.

The items not asterisked are used primarily by Cuban forces. Soviet troops, however, may have retained small numbers of these items for their own use. For example, thirty 57mm AAA guns, fourteen 57mm AT guns, and thirty-six SU-100 assault guns have been identified at the principal Soviet encampments in Cuba.

The only Soviet military equipment in Cuba which we believe to be "in reserve" is that used to equip Soviet tactical units there. The remaining Soviet military equipment has been used to train and to equip the Cuban army and militia.

There are no reports of heavier pieces of military equipment, such as artillery or tanks, being shipped from Cuba, and it is unlikely that equipment of this nature could be introduced covertly into another country. It is extremely difficult, however, to determine that no small arms have ever been sent to subversives elsewhere in Latin America from Cuba, especially in view of the fact that the Cuban small arms arsenal is of mixed origin, including many US weapons. Nevertheless, there are no confirmed reports tracing arms found elsewhere in Latin America to Castro's Cuba.

Attachment: herewith

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ESTIMATED BLOC MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN CUBA

NOTE: Major items of equipment held exclusively by Soviet units are indicated by an asterisk (*)

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ARMOR

*Medium Tanks (T-54/100mm)	00	140
Medium Tank (T-34/85mm)	130	200
Heavy Tank (JS-2/122mm)	30	40
*Amphibious Tanks (PT-76)	0	16
Assault Guns (SU-100)	50	100
Armored Personnel Carrier (BTR-152)	25	40
Armored Personnel Carrier (BTR-50P)	0	40
*Armored Personnel Carrier (8 wheel)	0	60
*Amphibious Armored Scout Car BRDM (armed with anti-tank SNAPPER missile)	0	30

ARTILLERY

57mm AT Gun M-1948	270	300
76mm Field Gun M-1942	150	200
85mm Field Gun M-44	110	300
122mm How. M-1938	75	120
122 mm Gun M-1931-1937	60	120
152mm Gun-How M-1937	55	180
*FROG (ArtyKton PT-76 Chassis)	0	6
37mm AAA Gun M-1939	90	120
Twin 30mm AAA Gun M-1953	60	120
57mm AAA Gun, S-60	60	120
85/100mm AAA Gun	-	50

MORTARS

82mm	600	600
122mm	180	180
160mm	0	Possibly a few

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INFANTRY ROCKET LAUNCHERS

RPG-2 Anti-Tank Bazooka	1,000	1,000
RM-130 Truck Mounted 23 Round (Czech)	24	50
RLM-132 Truck Mounted 16 Round	12	30

SMALL ARMS

Most manufactured in Belgium, some in US, some in Bloc	-	300,000
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RADARS

TOKEN (EW and GCI)	0	20-25
KNIFE REST (EW)	0	15-20
SPOON REST (EW)	0	30-40
FAN SONG (Fire Control for SAM)	0	24
FIRE CAN (Fire Control for AAA)	0	20
BAR LOCK (EW and GCI)	0	20-25
FLAT FACE (EW)	0	15-20
WHIFF (Gun Laying Assoc w/AAA)	0	10
ROCK CAKE (Height Finding)	0	25-30
BIG MESH (EW and GCI)	+	5
BUBB (Surface Search)	-	5
SCOREBOARD (ID-Friend or Foe [IFF])	-	5
FISHNET (IFF)	-	10

HELICOPTERS

MI-4 (Hound)/MI-1 (Hare)	24	100
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JET FIGHTERS

MIG-15/17	35	30-55
MIG-19	11	11
*MIG-21	0	42

PROPELLER AIRCRAFT

IL-14 Transport	11	11
LI-2 Transport	5	6
IL-18 Transport	0	1
Zlin-326 Trainer (Czech)	16	16

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NAVAL SHIPS

Subchasers (Kronstadt)	6	6
Motor Torpedo Boats (P-6)	12	16
KOMAR Cruise Missile Boats (2 Missiles Per Boat)	0	12
Patrol and service craft	0	Several

NOTE: Bloc military equipment is of USSR manufacture except as noted. List does not include non-bloc military equipment which is largely US equipment taken over from the previous government of Cuba.

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